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California, largest employer of seasonal labor in the United States, employs an average of 119,600 seasonal farmworkers per year. Since 1966 the State Department of Housing and Community Development's Office of Migrant Services has contracted with local government agencies to provide decent/affordable housing for approximately 50,220 families (251,100 individuals). In 1986, 25 centers in 14 agricultural counties housed 2,384 migrant families during the 6-month harvest season from April through November. The 20th annual demographic data on migrant families who occupy these housing units indicated the typical 1986 migrant family consisted of 5 persons, with 2 parents between 18 and 44 years old, who had completed 4 to 6 years of school. The family had two or three children and possibly another relative living with them. Two household members worked in the field and two children attended day/infant care facilities or summer school. Approximately 39% of families migrated annually from as far away as Central Mexico (1,800 miles); 28% migrated from South Texas and the northern Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo Leon, and Chihuahua; and 27% came from the Yuma-El Centro-Mexicali area. An estimated 50% of the 2,384 families served stayed at the centers the entire 180-day occupancy period. (NEC)

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INTRODUCTION

California, the largest employer of seasonal labor in the United States, employs an average of 119,600 seasonal farmworkers per year. To ease the problems of housing this large seasonal workforce, the State Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Migrant Services (OMS) contracts with local government agencies to provide decent and affordable housing for over 12,000 migrants, in 25 housing centers, in 14 agricultural counties. These centers are occupied during the six-month harvest season which starts in April and continues through November.

This report summarizes the twentieth annual demographic data on migrant families who occupy housing units provided by the State Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Migrant Services.

The tables contained in this report categorize family characteristics by migrant housing centers. This information is based on data obtained from: approved applications for housing completed by migrant families, and from the center manager in the form of Monthly Occupancy and Rental Summaries. A narrative section highlights each table.

MIGRANT FAMILY CHARACTERISTICS

Tabulation from the 1986 tables provides the Office of Migrant Services with a profile of the typical migrant family. A migrant family consists of five persons with two parents between the ages of 18 and 44, who have completed four to six years of school. The family has two or three children and possibly a grandparent or another relative living with them. Two members of the household work in the field, and two of the children attend day or infant care facilities within the center or attend summer school off site.

The major percentage (39%) of families migrate each year from as far away as Central Mexico (1800 miles). The second largest group (28%) of families migrate from South Texas and the Northern Mexican states of Coahuila, Nuevo leon, and Chihuahua. The third largest group (27%) of families consists of those whose home base is located in the Yuma-El Centro-Mexicali area.

The families migrate for the harvest season, work five months, and return directly to their home base to enter their children in school for the fall semester. The migrant cycle begins again in the spring.

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTER'S OCCUPANCY SUMMARY

Approximately 2,384 families were based in 2,003 units during the 1986 harvest season. The average family size was 5.0 persons.

The total population consisted of 56% adults and 44% minors. There were 6,499 registered farm workers in the migrant centers. For a more detailed analysis, please refer to Table 1 below.

TABLE I

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	Total Number of Housing Units	Total Families	Average Family Size	Total Population*	Total Adult Population
1. Newell	47	66	4.2	274	171
2. Yuba City	81	84	4.8	401	229
3. Madison	87	104	4.8	498	282
4. Davis	72	83	4.8	402	234
5. F.H. Rehrman	82	92	4.6	425	259
6. Mathews 1	96	152	4.6	706	398
7. Artesi II	96	105	5.2	542	288
8. Artesi III	96	107	5.0	534	287
9. Empire	77	96	5.7	549	322
10. Westley	91	103	4.9	507	282
11. Patterson	44	52	4.8	250	146
12. Cortez	45	56	4.7	262	161
13. Merced	53	56	4.4	245	151
14. Atwater	41	49	4.4	217	102
15. Planada	84	101	4.4	444	257
16. Los Banos	74	87	4.9	425	244
17. Art Ochoa	97	103	5.3	549	272
18. Parlier	130	144	5.6	748	419
19. Raisin City	72	91	4.6	418	241
20. King City	78	72	5.0	361	187
21. Shafter	100	146	5.3	779	435
22. Arvin	100	134	5.1	679	390
23. Hollister	66	89	5.3	473	258
24. Williams	94	96	4.3	409	215
25. Watsonville	100	116	5.0	583	269
Total Persons	2,003	2,384	5.0	11,680	6,499

NOTE: Farmworkers include housewives and part-time students.

*Total Population = Total adult and minor population.

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FAMILY LENGTH OF STAY BY CENTER

State Migrant Centers are open for approximately six months per year. Migrant's "length of stay" is determined by demand for labor, prevailing wage, variety of crops and the length of the agricultural season in the region. In 1986, an estimated 50% of the total (2,384) families served, stayed at the centers the entire 180-day occupancy period.

TABLE II

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	LENGTH OF STAY (by days)																					
	1-7		8-14		15-30		31-60		61-90		91-120		121-180		181 +		Unknown		Total Families
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	
1. Newell	0	0	1	2	5	8	17	26	4	16	5	8	24	36	8	12	2	3	66
2. Yuba City	0	0	0	0	2	2	2	2	5	6	11	13	45	54	18	21	1	1	84
3. Madison	1	1	2	2	1	1	11	11	8	8	7	7	48	46	26	25	0	0	104
4. Davis	0	0	0	0	1	1	7	8	3	4	6	7	36	43	24	29	6	7	83
5. F.H. Rehrman	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	10	2	2	1	1	57	62	23	25	0	0	92
6. Mathews I	1	1	3	2	21	14	29	19	11	7	12	8	58	38	16	11	1	1	152
7. Artesi II	0	0	0	0	2	2	7	7	1	1	2	2	58	55	35	33	0	0	105
8. Artesi III	0	0	0	0	2	2	7	7	3	3	4	4	59	55	32	30	0	0	107
9. Empire	1	1	1	1	6	6	8	8	1	1	6	6	54	56	16	17	3	3	96
10. Westley	2	2	1	1	2	2	8	8	11	11	7	7	64	62	6	6	2	2	103
11. Patterson	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	4	1	2	3	6	31	60	12	23	2	4	52
12. Cortez	1	2	0	0	3	5	8	14	8	14	11	20	19	34	2	4	4	7	56
13. Merced	1	2	0	0	1	2	4	7	5	9	5	9	39	70	1	2	0	0	56
14. Atwater	1	2	1	2	0	0	9	18	4	8	1	2	30	61	0	0	3	6	49
15. Planada	1	1	0	0	4	4	9	9	4	4	7	7	69	68	3	3	4	4	101
16. Los Banos	0	0	0	0	4	5	8	9	0	0	7	8	66	76	0	0	2	2	87
17. Art Ochoa	0	0	1	1	6	6	6	6	3	3	10	10	77	75	0	0	0	0	103
18. Parlier	0	0	2	1	4	3	2	1	5	3	3	2	15	10	113	78	0	0	144
19. Raisin City	0	0	3	3	2	2	11	12	9	9	11	12	55	60	0	0	0	0	91
20. King City	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	3	32	44	10	14	21	29	72
21. Shafter	1	1	3	2	9	6	25	17	7	5	5	3	54	37	38	26	4	3	146
22. Arvin	0	0	1	1	11	8	19	14	6	4	18	13	65	49	12	9	2	1	134
23. Hollister	0	0	5	6	2	2	9	10	15	17	14	16	43	48	0	0	1	1	89
24. Williams	0	0	4	4	3	3	16	17	14	15	15	16	43	45	0	0	1	1	96
25. Watsonville	1	1	1	1	2	2	8	7	6	5	3	3	42	36	45	39	8	7	116
Percent of Total	1%		1%		4%		10%		6%		7%		50%		18%		3%		100
Total Persons	17		29		94		241		137		176		1,183		440		67		2,384

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FAMILY HOME BASE BY CENTER

Over one-third (39%) of the migrant families lived in Mexico during the off-season (November to April) while 19% declare base in California; 28% in South Texas, and 8% in Arizona. Six percent (6%) resided in other parts of the continent.

TABLE III

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	FAMILY HOME BASE																				Unkno
	Mexico		California		Texas		Arizona		Oregon		Washington		Other USA*		Other**						
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%					#
1. Newell	21	32	33	50	4	6	0	0	4	6	1	2	1	2	0	0					2
2. Yuba City	42	50	28	33	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
3. Madison	54	52	16	15	31	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	1					0
4. Davis	59	71	6	7	15	18	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
5. F.H. Rehrman	67	73	10	11	12	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
6. Mathews I	74	49	49	32	8	5	12	8	0	0	9	6	0	0	0	0					0
7. Artesi II	89	85	3	3	10	10	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					1
8. Artesi III	69	64	16	15	4	4	3	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1					12
9. Empire	40	42	33	34	14	15	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1					5
10. Westley	16	16	29	28	25	24	29	28	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	3					0
11. Patterson	31	60	3	6	15	29	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					2
12. Cortez	25	45	13	23	11	20	3	5	0	0	1	2	2	4	0	0					1
13. Merced	29	52	15	27	8	14	3	5	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0					0
14. Atwater	21	43	21	43	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					4
15. Planada	66	65	13	13	5	5	5	5	0	0	0	0	4	4	2	2					6
16. Los Banos	19	22	23	26	14	16	29	33	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0					1
17. Art Ochoa	13	13	15	15	11	11	63	61	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0					0
18. Parlier	0	0	2	1	117	81	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	17	12					7
19. Raisin City	0	0	6	7	53	58	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	7					23
20. King City	20	28	22	31	14	19	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
21. Shafter	13	9	0	0	130	89	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0					1
22. Arvin	13	10	1	1	116	87	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					3
23. Hollister	13	15	38	43	27	30	9	10	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0					1
24. Williams	39	41	51	53	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	4	0	0					0
25. Watsonville	87	75	18	16	0	0	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					0
Percent of Total	39%		19%		28%		8%		0%		1%		1%		1%						3%
Total Persons	920		464		661		198		5		16		18		31						71

* Other USA Includes Alaska, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, Colorado, Wyoming, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, South Carolina, and Idaho.
**Other includes Latin America.

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TOTAL FAMILIES HOUSED FROM 1966 to 1986

There were 13 state migrant housing centers in 1966 which housed 1,652 families (three of these centers are now closed). In 1986, 25 centers housed 2,384 migrant families. OMS has provided housing for approximately 50,220 families (251,100)individuals) during its 20 years of operation.

TABLE IV

MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS	TOTAL FAMILIES *																			
	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
1. Newell							97	95	76	66	89	25	78	88	69	74	72	52	59	66
2. Yuba City		156	124	181	124	142	126	121	119	119	113	93	18	88	91	91	87	95	97	84
3. Madison	84	102	148	112	135	194	160	133	119	120	101	105	98	100	105	107	108	108	91	104
4. Davis				85	67	74	107	91	103	87	82	79	80	80	79	84	61	82	83	83
5. F.H. Rehrman		116	154	145	141	122	134	128	140	137	134	127	137	133	135	132	106	67	86	92
6. Mathews I	307	296	281	276	254	207	168	145	121	134	136	133	129	136	130	139	167	160	160	152
7. Artesi II	146	81	172	181	181	171	145	137	117	136	105	128	131	121	133	115	104	114	100	105
8. Artesi III		148	203	148	156	126	117	130	114	100	108	106	115	93	107	106	104	108	112	107
9. Empire	167	117	122	121	111	93	93	95	96	101	97	89	103	100	91	94	87	91	93	96
10. Westley	169	41	88	131	148	123	131	114	116	118	90	61	138	115	121	129	120	109	111	103
11. Patterson	55	40	67	86	71	69	100	85	72	56	57	37	53	76	50	53	55	79	54	52
12. Cortez	83	78	79	70	69	61	72	68	87	58	51	49	62	54	57	57	52	45	55	56
13. Merced	28	147	91	69	106	98	80	85	86	69	72	64	63	52	62	77	64	68	61	56
14. Atwater			62	87	81	55	56	61	64	47	58	51	48	54	51	56	51	49	47	49
15. Planada			52	79	58	97	131	90	99	97	92	97	100	97	100	107	103	104	105	101
16. Los Banos	67	181	140	14	93	78	137	104	143	110	120	91	118	106	117	116	100	105	105	87
17. Art Ochoa						127	123	143	121	134	119	114	115	128	139	118	131	121	114	103
18. Parlier			141	138	149	142	142	152	122	115	119	135	34	128	124	119	118	109	146	144
19. Raisin City			99	95	91	98	87	101	90	81	86	117	97	96	100	83	90	89	103	91
20. King City						99	119	117	107	104	108	83	86	95	79	74	73	80	76	72
21. Shafter					80	159	204	162	166	145	158	161	176	137	173	142	138	139	149	146
22. Arvin								145	135	131	140	141	135	128	134	134	128	126	133	134
23. Hollister	207	165	165	105	131	116	129	123	114	112	102	94	90	90	91	107	89	88	91	89
24. Williams					82	113	146	152	163	142	124	111	93	110	104	90	78	81	97	96
25. Watsonville		44	97	107	114	103	102	84	116	109	123	121	112	117	110	116	99	128	117	116
26. Linden	167	Discontinued																		
27. Indio	144	97	120	155	134	102	73	118	72	Discontinued										
28. Gridley	28	81	155	133	104	77	Discontinued													
	1,652	1,890	2,560	2,518	2,680	2,846	2,979	2,979	2,878	2,628	2,584	2,412	2,409	2,522	2,552	2,520	2,385	2,397	2,445	2,384

NOTE: The number of families housed in any center over the 20-year period may vary due to the turnover rate of families, the length of the agricultural season, or the number of units available in a center.

NOTE: Dixon was renamed F.H. Rehrman, and Gilroy, Art Ochoa, in 1985.
* No data is available for 1979.

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STATE MIGRANT FAMILY HOUSING CENTERS

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MIGRANT CENTER INFORMATION

* DAVIS MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 2, Box 625
Dixon, CA 95620
(916) 678-2552
62-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
10-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

* MADISON MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 44
Madison, CA 95653
(916) 662-1880
78-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
8-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00
1-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* F. H. REHRMAN MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 610
Dixon, CA 95620
(916) 678-3200
56-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00
26-3 Bedrm. Units $2.50

* WESTLEY MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 206
Westley, CA 95387
(209) 894-3461
91-2 Bedrm. Units $2.50

* PATTERSON MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 206
Westley, CA 95387
(209) 892-8948
39-2 Bedrm.Units $2.50
5-3 Bedrm.Units $3.00

* ART OCHOA MIGRANT CENTER
915 Luchessa Avenue
Gilroy, CA 95020
(408) 842-7552
97-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* WATSONVILLE MIGRANT CENTER
687 Harkins Slough Rd.
Watsonville, CA 95076
(408) 722-5411
15-1 Bedrm.Units $2.50
67-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
15-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50
3-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

KINGS CITY MIGRANT CENTER
440 Jayne Street
King City, CA 93930
(408) 385-3482
75-2 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* SHAFTER MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 638
Shafter, CA 93253
(805) 746-4326
90-2 Bedrm. Units $3.50
10-3 Bedrm. Units $4.00

* ARVIN MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 2, Box 276
Bakersfield, CA 93307
(805) 845-1267
90-2 Bedrm. Units at $3.50
10-3 Bedrm. Units at $4.00

* NEWELL MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 2 Box C1
Tulelake, CA 96134
(916) 664-3251
47-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* WILLIAMS MIGRANT CENTER
Rt. 1 Box 160
Williams, CA 95987
(916) 473-2129
94-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

* HARNEY LANE MIGRANT CENTER
14320 E. Harney Lane
Lodi, CA 95240
(209) 339-0230
12-2 Bdrm. Units $3.50
72-3 Bdrm. Units $4.00
12-4 Bdrm. Units $4.50

* ARTESI #2 MIGRANT CENTER
777 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 982-1340
12-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
72-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50
12-4 Bedrm.Units $4.00

* EMPIRE MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 665
Empire, CA 95319
(209) 529-5545
69-2 Bedrm. Units $2.50
8-3 Bedrm. Units $3.00

CORTEZ MIGRANT CENTER
13140 N. Sante Fe Drive
Turlock, CA 95380
(209) 634-5992
45-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

ATWAT/LIV.MIGRANT CENTER
9200 Westside Blvd.
Atwater, CA 95301
(209) 358-8121
35-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
6-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

MERCED MIGRANT CENTER
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Merced, CA 95340
(209) 722-5991
53-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00

PLANADA MIGRANT CENTER
8880 E. Gerard Avenue
Le Grand, CA 95333
(209) 382-0342
72-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
12-4 Bedrm. Units $4.00

LOS BANOS MIGRANT CENTER
18926 W. Henry Miller Rd
Los Banos, CA 95635
(209) 826-1926
69-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
5-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* PARLIER MIGRANT CENTER
8880 S. Academy
Parlier, CA 93648
(209) 646-3653
73-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
57-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50

* HOLLISTER MIGRANT CENTER
3235 Southside Road
Hollister, CA 95023
(408) 637-7913
58-2 Bedrm. Units $3.00
8-3 Bedrm. Units $3.50

* ARTESI #3 MIGRANT CENTER
333 W. Mathews Road
French Camp, CA 95231
(209) 982-5315
12-2 Bedrm.Units $3.00
72-3 Bedrm.Units $3.50
12-4 Bedrm.Units $4.00

RAISIN CITY MIGRANT CEN.
7520 W. Manning Avenue
Raisin City, CA 93652
(209) 486-1944
72-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00

YUBA CITY MIGRANT CENTER
P.O. Box 631
Yuba City, CA 95991
(916) 674-7008
81-2 Bedrm. Units $2.00

* All Migrant Centers have day care programs and the centers with asterisks have infant care programs.

Note: The number of units shown for each Center represents those units that are for rent. Rent prices quoted are per day. The total number available is 2,068 units.

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OPERATIONAL SCHEDULES OF OMS MIGRANT HOUSING CENTERS

1986 Season

COUNTY	CENTER	OPENING DATE	CLOSING DATE
Kern	Arvin	April 1	September 30
Fresno	Parlier	April 9	October 5
Fresno	Raisin City	April 10	October 6
Kern	Shafter	April 15	October 14
Merced	Livingston	May 5	October 31
Merced	Los Banos	May 5	October 31
Merced	Merced	May 5	October 31
Merced	Planada	May 5	October 31
Merced	Cortez	May 5	October 31
Stanislaus	Empire	May 1	October 31
Stanislaus	Westley	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. I	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. II	May 1	October 31
San Joaquin	Mathews Rd. III	May 1	October 31
Santa Cruz	Watsonville	May 1	October 31
Solano	F.H. Rehrman (Dixon)	May 1	October 31
Sutter	Yuba City	May 1	October 31
Yolo	Madison	May 1	October 31
Yolo	Davis	May 1	October 31
Colusa	Williams	May 12	October 31
Santa Clara	Art Ochoa (Gilroy)	May 12	November 7
Stanislaus	Patterson	May 15	November 15
Modoc	Newell	May 15	November 15
Monterey	King City	June 2	November 30
San Benito	Hollister	June 2	November 3

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